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VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL; HELSINKI FOR MPT DEL

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SUBJECT: MBFR ASPECTS OF BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN

1. FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH TOLD EMBOFF
MAY 17 THAT GERMANS DO NOT EXPECT BREZHNEV AND BRANDT
TO HAVE MORE THAN GENERAL EXCHANGE ON MBFR DURING
BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN. ROTH ASSURED EMBOFF THAT
CHANCELLOR'S BRIEFING PAPER ADHERED CLOSELY TO AGREED
ALLIANCE POSITIONS.

2. ROTH SAID THAT SCHEEL AND BRANDT WILL EMPHASIZE TO
BREZHNEV THAT, AS THE FRG SEES IT, MBFR IS NOT JUST A
MATTER OF REDUCTIONS BUT ALSO MUST DEAL WITH COLLATERAL
MEASURES TO BUILD CONFIDENCE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

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BREZHNEV WILL BE TOLD THAT ANY MBFR AGREEMENT MUST REFLECT THE WESTERN " B FOR BALANCE" IN MBFR. FINALLY, THE GERMAN LEADERS WILL EMPHASIZE THEIR CONCEPT OF A PHASED STEP BY STEP APPROACH DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE CALCULABILITY OF THE PROCESS AND DESIGNED TO INSURE THAT MBFR WILL NOT WORK TO THE SECURITY DISADVANTAGE OF ANY OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES.

3. AS INDICATED IN BONN 7047 PARA 5, THE GERMANS ARE CONCERNED OVER REPORTS THAT BREZHNEV MAY SEEK TO IMPOSE A REVERSE LINKAGE BETWEEN MBFR AND CSCE, TO THE EFFECT THAT MBFR NEGOTIATIONS COULD ONLY BEGIN ONE MONTH AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE THIRD AND FINAL PHASE OF CSCE. CHANCELLOR BRANDT' S BRIEFING PAPERS ON BOTH CSCE AND MBFR URGE HIM " VIGOROUSLY TO REJECT ANY SUCH SOVIET EFFORT".
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